

REMARKS

Claims 5 and 10 have been amended. Claims 5-8, 10 and 12-13 are pending in the present application. Reexamination and allowance of the pending claims are respectfully requested.

All the claims are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over USP 6,612,453 to Joo-Tai ("JT") in view of USP 5,762,569 to Hale ("Hale"). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

First, Applicant wishes to thank the examiner for clarifying the grounds for rejection.

Independent claim 5 has been amended to recite that the sleeve is a fabric sleeve. Therefore, claim 5 currently recites a fabric sleeve that is attached to the covering, the sleeve retaining the wire, and an electrical line retained inside the sleeve and coupled to the electronic device. The Examiner asserts that FIG. 5 of Hale shows an electronic line retained in a sleeve. However, while FIG. 5 of Hale shows an electric line, there is no sleeve, and that electronic line is NOT retained in any sleeve-like element. Element 18 in FIG. 5 is a clip, element 20 is an extending portion of that clip 18, and element 24 is a feedback device. Therefore, there are no sleeves or sleeve-like elements in FIG. 5 of Hale.

To further highlight this distinction, claim 5 has been amended to recite that the sleeve is a fabric sleeve. None of elements 18, 20 or 24 in Hale are fabric-like in nature.

Therefore, even if Hale can be properly combined with JT (which Applicant does not concede), this combination will not yield all the elements in claim 5. For this reason, claim 5, and claims 6-8, 10 and 12-13 depending therefrom, are submitted to be allowable over JT and Hale.

Claim 10 depends from claim 5 and further recites another electronic device attached to the sleeve. The Examiner asserts that FIG. 7 of Hale shows another electronic device from the device in FIG. 5. However, FIG. 7 shows an electronic device (sensor 22) that is identical to the sensor 22 in FIG. 5. These two devices are the SAME. Therefore, Hale clearly does not teach or suggest an electronic device that is in addition to the electronic device recited in claim 5. To highlight this distinction, claim 10 has been amended to recite a second electronic device, so that the claimed structure of claim 10 has TWO electronic devices. In addition, claim 10 recites that the second electronic device is attached to the sleeve. As pointed out above, Hale has no sleeve so this limitation cannot be met by Hale. Thus, claim 10 is submitted to contain additional

patentable subject matter.

In light of the above, allowance of the pending application is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if any further amendments are needed to place this application in condition for allowance.

Respectfully Submitted,



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